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TO AMEMBASSY VIENNA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, IAEA, TECH, AR, PE

SUBJECT: U.S. FUEL FOR ARGENTINA REACTOR LOAN TO PERU

REF: VIENNA 1597

1. WITH RESPECT TO REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS CONVEYED IN  
GABBERT-DEMING TELECON, WE UNDERSTAND REQUEST IS FOR AUTHORIZATION  
FOR AMBASSADOR SMITH TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES TO ARGENTINA DURING BOARD OF GOVERNORS' CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT  
AND SUPPLY AGREEMENTS THAT U.S. APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER OF  
U.S. ORIGIN FUEL FROM ARGENTINA TO PERU WILL BE GRANTED  
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WITHIN 25 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF AN EXECUTED (I.E., SIGNED BY ARGENTINA AND IAEA) MB-10 FORM BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.  
MB-10 REQUEST WOULD PRESUMABLY BE SUBMITTED TO USG PROMPTLY AFTER FOUR-PARTY AGREEMENT IS SIGNED.

2. WE REMAIN CONCERNED THAT REQUIREMENTS OF NEW LEGISLATION,  
PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO (A) COORDINATION AMONG AGENCY

HEADS AND WRITTEN DETERMINATION OF SECRETARY OF ENERGY  
(THESE FUNCTIONS WILL PROBABLY NOT YET HAVE BEEN DELEGATED,  
AND WE WOULD BE RETICENT TO USE LESS FORMAL AD HOC  
PROCEDURE), AND (B) PUBLISHING NOTICE OF PROPOSED TRANSFER  
IN FEDERAL REGISTER FOR FIFTEEN DAYS COULD DELAY APPROVAL  
(DESPITE EFFORTS TO SPEED PROCESS) FOR SOME UNSPECIFIED

PERIOD AND THUS DELAY USG ABILITY TO SIGN FOUR-PARTY  
SUPPLY AGREEMENT. SINCE AGREEMENT CONTAINS US LEGAL COM-  
MITMENT TO APPROVE TRANSFER, PROCESSING MUST BE COMPLETED  
BEFORE FINAL SIGNATURE AUTHORIZED. SINCE COMMITMENT TO ACT  
WITHIN 25 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF MB-10 WILL ONLY BE TRIGGERED  
AFTER SIGNING SUPPLY AGREEMENT, WE SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT  
ANY COMMITMENT RE TIMING OF US SIGNATURE. UPON SIGNATURE  
OF AGREEMENT WE EXPECT TO BE IN POSITION SIMULTANEOUSLY TO  
PUBLISH REQUIRED NOTICE IN FEDERAL REGISTER, AND THUS 25  
DAY COMMITMENT THAT ONLY STARTS TO RUN THEREAFTER POSES NO  
PROBLEM. HOWEVER, WE CONSIDER REAL ISSUE TO BE TIMING OF  
US SIGNATURE OF SUPPLY AGREEMENT. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT  
ALL STEPS (SIGNING AND MB-10 APPROVAL) CANNOT BE COMPLETED  
BEFORE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION, WE RECOMMEND THAT ANY  
ASSURANCES CONCERNING WHEN USG WILL BE PREPARED TO SIGN  
AGREEMENT BE QUALIFIED TO SOME DEGREE, E.G., "THE UNITED  
STATES WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT PROMPTLY TO SIGN THIS AGREE-  
MENT AND THEREAFTER WILL APPROVE THE TRANSFER WITHIN 25  
DAYS OF RECEIPT OF AN EXECUTED MB-10 FORM..."

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3. AMBASSADOR SMITH COULD ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL  
ASSURANCES PRIVATELY TO ARGENTINES EXPLAINING NEED TO  
QUALIFY HIS STATEMENT TO THE BOARD AND EXPRESSING CONFI-  
DENCE THAT APPROVAL WILL BE GRANTED WITHIN AGREED UPON  
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